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OIX GATEWAY NORFOLK VA SUCCESSFUL PROCESSING REPORT: LE SITREP ONE - BOARDING OF FISHING VESSEL 1000NM W OF

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SUBJ: LE SITREP ONE - BOARDING OF FISHING VESSEL 1000NM W OF GALAPAGOS IS.

1. SITUATION: 983 KG OF COCAINE ONBOARD HAMILTON. CASE PENDS.
A. PERIOD 241650Z NOV 16 - 250330Z NOV 16
B. MISLE: 1061170, HAM CASE NUMBER 753-16-22, FDIN: 2016XXXXXX
C. NARRATIVE: AT 241650Z NOV 16, WHILE ON ROUTINE PATROL, CG 6519 SIGHTED A WESTBOUND TOI IN POSN: 00-47.5N 107-54.9W ON CSE 285T AT 11KTS. CG 6519 REPORTED TOI AS A 75-100 FT CARGO VESSEL FLYING A RED FLAG WITH YELLOW STARS, FOUR CHINESE CHARACTERS FOLLOWED BY 16050 ON THE PORT AND STARBOARD BOW AND PILOT HOUSE, AND TWO CHINESE CHARACTERS ON THE STERN. CG 6519 REMAINED COVERT TO COLLECT IMAGERY OF TOI. HAM LAUNCHED CG 35106 TO CONDUCT OVERT IMAGERY COLLECTION. CG 6519 RETURNED TO HAM TO REFUEL, AFTER RELAUNCHING WENT OVERT TO CONDUCT CLOSE IN IMAGERY COLLECTION OF TOI. CG 6519 REPORTED LINE ATTACHED TO SIDE OF TOI WHICH APPEARED TO BE CONNECTED TO STRING OF PACKAGES. CG 6519 NOTICED ACTIVITY NEAR DOOR IN HULL WHERE LINE OF PACKAGES WERE CONNECTED AND OBSERVED POB JETTISONING PACKAGES AND CUTTING LINES CONNECTED TO TOI. CG 6519 VECTORED CG 35106 TO PACKAGES THEN CONTINUED MONITORING TOI. CG 35106 COLLECTED 42 BALES, WHICH LATER TESTED POSITIVE FOR COCAINE, WITH 6 GPS DEVICES ATTACHED. CG 6519 RTB FOR REFUEL AND RELAUNCHED. HAM LAUNCHED CG 26262 WITH ROA QUESTIONS IN MANDARIN TO PASS TO TOI. HAM ATTEMPTED TO CONDUCT ROA QUESTIONS OVER BRIDGE TO BRIDGE RADIO WITH NEGRES. ONCE CG 26262 WENT ALONGSIDE THE TOI VOLUNTARILY WENT DIW AND PEOPLE CAME OUT ON DECK AND APPROACHED CG 26262. CG 26262 HANDED CREW MEMBER ROA QUESTIONS IN

MANDARIN, SHEET WAS TAKEN TO PILOT HOUSE. BO REPORTED ONE POB TOI SPOKE SPANISH. THE POB CLAIMED THAT THEY HAD NO RADIO, ONLY A SATELLITE PHONE ON BOARD. POB VOLUNTEERED IDS AND REGISTRATION FORMS TO CG 26262, WHO TRANSFERRED DOCUMENTS TO HAM BEFORE RETURNING TO TOI. CG 35106 RTB TO OFFLOAD RECOVERED BALES. BO REPORTED SEVEN POB; SIX CHINESE AND ONE COLOMBIAN. THE CHINESE CREW MEMBERS ACTED NERVOUS WHILE THE COLOMBIAN APPEARED CALM AND TALKED WITH THE BT. AFTER MAKING A PHONE CALL ON A SATELLITE PHONE, THE COLOMBIAN'S DEemeanOR CHANGED NOTICEABLY AND HE BECAME NERVOUS, QUIET, AND LESS RESPONSIVE. CG 35106 RELIEVED CG 26262 TO REMAIN ALONGSIDE THE VESSEL FOR THE EVENING.

D. 1. VESSEL DESCRIPTION:

LPOC: HONG KONG, CHINA

NPOC: UNK

NAME: NONE

LENGTH: 40M

REG NUMBER: 16050, PRECEDED BY CHINESE SYMBOLS

TYPE: FISHING VESSEL

HOMEPORT: HONG KONG, CHINA

FLAG: CHINA

POB: 07

CREW MEMBERS: 06 CHINESE IDS WERE SENT VIA SEPCOR

NAME: EDWARD JAVIER CATANO LOPEZ

DOB: 23AUG1981

NATIONALITY: COLOMBIAN

ID #: 71.380.597

2. ACTION:

241650Z: CG 6519 SIGHTED A TOI IN POSN: 00-47.5N 107-54.9W ON CSE 285T AT 11KTS.

1400Z: CG 6519 REPORTED TOI A 75-100 FT CARGO VESSEL WITH A CHINESE FLAG, CHINESE MARKINGS AND NUMBER 16050 PAINTED ON HULL.

1714Z: HAM GAINED VISUAL OF TOI.

1732Z: CG 6519 RTB.

1743Z: HAM LAUNCHED CG 35106 TO CONDUCT ROA.

1751Z: HAM RECOVERED CG 6519 FOR REFUEL.

1807Z: HAM LAUNCHED CG 6519.

1814Z: CG 35106 OBSERVED ONE POB MOVING ON DECK OF TOI.

1821Z: CG 6519 REPORTED OBJECT BEING DRAGGED FROM STERN WITH LINE. PACKAGES ALSO HANGING FROM HATCH IN HULL AMIDSHIPS.

1822Z: CG 6519 REPORTED JETTISON OF PACKAGES IN POSN: 00-51.0N 108-08.0W.

1823Z: CG 35106 ON SCENE WITH TOI.

1825Z: HAM SHIFTED TACON TO D11.

1828Z: CG 6519 REPORTED APPROX 29 BALES AND SEVERAL ORANGE BUOYS IN WATER.

1830Z: CG 35106 RECOVERED 42 BALES AND 06 GPS DEVICES FROM BALE FIELD.

1840Z: HAM RECOVERED CG 35106 WITH CONTRABAND AND 06 GPS DEVICES.

1943Z: HAM COMMENCED RADIO HAILING, NEGRES.

1945Z: CG 26262 STATIONED OFF TOI'S STERN FOR ROA.

1949Z: POB APPROACHED BT AND BEGAN CONVERSATION. ONE POB WAS COLOMBIAN AND SPOKE SPANISH. THE OTHER 06 POB WERE CHINESE

AND DID NOT SPEAK SPANISH OR ENGLISH. COLOMBIAN POB CLAIMED VESSEL HAD NO RADIO, ONLY A SATELLITE PHONE. BT GAVE POB A D11-PROVIDED FORM IN ENGLISH AND MANDARIN. POB TOOK FORM TO PILOTHOUSE TO COMPLETE.

1959Z: POB RETURNED COMPLETED FORM TO BT. POB ALSO PROVIDED SATELLITE PHONE NUMBER.

2010Z: CG 26262 RECEIVED IDS AND REGISTRATION FORMS FROM TOI. CG 26262 RTB AND PASSED IDS AND REGISTRATION TO HAM.

2025Z: CG 26262 BACK ON SCENE WITH TOI.

2040Z: HAM RECOVERED CG 6519.

2131Z: NIK TESTED TWO REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES FROM BALES. BOTH TESTED POSITIVE FOR COCAINE.

2243Z: BT REPORTED POB MAKING PHONE CALLS. AFTER PHONE CALLS, POB SEEMED MUCH MORE NERVOUS. THE COLOMBIAN POB IN PARTICULAR SEEMED VERY NERVOUS.

2301Z: HAM LAUNCHED CG 35106 IN POSN: 00-57.7N 108-33.1W TO RELIEVE CG 26262 OFF TOI'S STERN. CG 35106 RETURNED IDS AND REGISTRATION FORMS TO TOI.

2343Z: HAM RECOVERED CG 26262 IN POSN: 00-58.3N 108-34.9W.

3. AMPLIFYING INFORMATION:

A. O/S WX:

WINDS: 160T/15KTS

SEAS: 155T/1FT

SWELLS: 170T/3FT

VIS: 10 NM

BAR: 29.86

TEMP: 75

4. FUTURE PLANS: REMAIN ONSTA WITH TOI, WITH SMALL BOAT ALONGSIDE. HAM WILL NEED ASSURANCES THAT AN OILER CAN PROVIDE FUEL AT SEA, OR WILL NEED TO DEPART ON 252200ZNOV16 FOR A SCHEDULED BSF IN CHIAPAS, MX.

5. POC: LCDR ANDREW WEISS, EMAIL ANDREW.S.WEISS(AT)USCG.MIL

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SUBJ: LE SITREP TWO - BOARDING OF FISHING VESSEL 1000NM W OF
GALAPAGOS IS.

1. SITUATION: 983 KG OF COCAINE ONBOARD HAMILTON. CUSTODY CREW AND
DETAINEES ABOARD TOI. CASE PENDS.

A. PERIOD 250331Z NOV 16 - 270030Z NOV 16

B. MISLE: 1061170, HAM CASE NUMBER 753-16-22, FDIN: 2016838758

C. NARRATIVE: AT 251618Z, CHINA GRANTED PERMISSION TO STOP, BOARD,
AND SEARCH THE VESSEL UNDER FLAG STATE AUTHORITY. BT EMBARKED THE
VESSEL, ESTABLISHED POSITIVE CONTROL, COMPLETED ISS, AND BEGAN IONSCAN
SWIPES AND ASSA. BT QUICKLY ACCOUNTED FOR 75% OF VESSEL'S SPACES AND
IN THE PROCESS FOUND LINE THAT MATCHED THE LINE ATTACHED TO THE
JETTISONED BALES. BT ALSO FOUND MULTI-COLORED BURLAP BAGS THAT MATCHED
THE RECOVERED BALES FROM MANY OTHER DRUG CASES INTERDICTED THIS MONTH.
WHILE INSPECTING VOIDS, BT FOUND 2 X 5 FT AREA IN UPPER VOID THAT
WAS COVERED IN CONCRETE. A WATER TANK WAS SITTING ON TOP OF THE AREA
AND A PICK-AXE WAS NEARBY. BT LOOKED FOR ACCESS INTO THE LOWER VOID
AND WAS ABLE TO ACCESS THE AREA THROUGH AN ADJACENT SPACE. AFTER
ACCESSING THE VOID, THE ONLY UNACCOUNTED FOR SPACE WAS A 2FT SPACE
BETWEEN ROOMS BELOW DECK. BT REPORTED THAT SPACE DID NOT LOOK LIKE
IT WAS RECENTLY ACCESSED AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THERE WAS NO
CONTRABAND IN SPACE. BT REPORTED ASSA COMPLETE WITH NO ADDITIONAL
CONTRABAND FOUND. ALL IONSCAN SWIPES WERE TESTED ON HAM. ONE SWIPE
TESTED POSITIVE FOR MDA; ALL OTHERS WERE CLEAR. BT REPORTED TOI
UNSAFE TO OPERATE. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE RUSTING THROUGHOUT THE TOI,
AND SOME FWD BULKHEADS WERE ALMOST RUSTED THROUGH. THE MAIN BREAKER
PANEL WAS OPEN, CREATING A FIRE HAZARD. THE TOI HAD NO FIRE
SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS, NO FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, NOT ENOUGH PFDS, AND
NO COMMUNICATIONS GEAR OTHER THAN TWO SATELLITE PHONES. THE ENGINE
ROOM HAD ONE INCH OF FUEL AND OIL IN BILGES. FUEL IS TRANSFERRED FROM
STORAGE TANKS VIA PLASTIC HOSES IN AN OPEN COMPARTMENT. THE ENGINE
IS FUELED BY PUMPING FUEL FROM A TANK INTO A SHALLOW BUCKET. THE
ENGINEER THEN POURS THE BUCKET OF FUEL INTO A SMALL SERVICE TANK
ON TOP OF THE ENGINE. THE VESSEL'S GALLEY IS LOCATED IN THE PLENUM
FOR THE ENGINE ROOM, AND IT'S SURFACES WERE UNSANITARY AND COVERED IN
COOKING GREASE. BT CONCLUDED THAT THE GALLEY WAS A POSSIBLE FIRE
HAZARD. TOI HAD TWO SETS OF TOWING BITS, ONE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE
BOW. THE BITS WERE RUSTED TO THE POINT WHERE THEY WERE DISCONNECTED

FROM THE SHIP'S RAILING. BT CONCLUDED THAT THEY WERE NOT SERVICEABLE. TOI DID NOT HAVE A BULLNOSE. EACH POB CLAIMED THEY WERE FISHING FOR TUNA BUT HAD NO CATCH ONBOARD. THE ONLY FISHING GEAR WAS IN VERY POOR CONDITION. HAM FORWARDED IMAGERY OF TOI AND DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY POB TO D11 FOR TRANSLATION. D11 TRANSLATED THE CHINESE CHARACTERS PAINTED ON THE TOI AND INFORMED HAM THAT "SHAN WEI" WAS WRITTEN ON THE TRANSOM, "HAI CHANG" ON THE SMOKE STACK, AND "YUE SHAN WEI YU 16050" ON THE BOW. D11 ALSO TRANSLATED THE PROVIDED DOCUMENTS AND UPDATED THE VESSEL NAME, REGISTRY NUMBER, CLAIM OF NATIONALITY, HOMEPORT, LPOC, AND NPOC. HAM LAUNCHED CG 6519 IN ORDER TO SEARCH AREA NEAR TOI FOR ANY ADDITIONAL CONTRABAND. SEARCH RESULTED IN NEGRES AND HAM RECOVERED CG 6519. AFTER GETTING ENGINES STARTED ON TOI IN PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY BT REPORTED EXHAUST LEAK ON ENGINE AND ARCING AND SPARKING FROM BATTERIES. DUE TO WOOD DECKING IN ENGINE ROOM BEING SATURATED WITH OIL BT ADVISED IT WAS UNSAFE TO CONDUCT TRANSIT ABOARD VESSEL. TEAM OF ENGINEERS WAS SENT TO TOI TO ASSESS STATE OF ENGINEERING PLANT AND MAKE ATTEMPTS TO MITIGATE HAZARDS. AFTER CONDUCTING INITIAL REPAIRS AND RUNNING ENGINES BT REPORTED VESSEL WAS SAFE TO GET UNDERWAY AND ATTEMPT TRANSIT TO FAS POSITION APPROXIMATELY 300NM AWAY.

D. 1. VESSEL DESCRIPTION:

LPOC: SHAN WEI CITY, CHINA
 NPOC: SOUTH EAST PACIFIC
 NAME: 4407811991010001
 LENGTH: 40M
 REG NUMBER: YUE 16050
 TYPE: FISHING VESSEL
 HOMEPORT: SHAN WEI CITY, CHINA
 FLAG: CHINA
 POB: 07
 CREW MEMBERS: 06 CHINESE IDS WERE SENT VIA SEPCOR
 NAME: EDWARD JAVIER CATANO LOPEZ
 DOB: 23AUG1981
 NATIONALITY: COLOMBIAN
 ID #: 71.380.597

2. ACTION:

251618Z: CHINA GRANTED PERMISSION TO STOP, BOARD, AND SEARCH TOI UNDER FLAG STATE AUTHORITY.

1645Z: TESTED SAMPLE FROM OVERBOARD DISCHARGE IN IONSCAN. SAMPLE TESTED POSITIVE FOR AMPHETAMINES.
 1723Z: LAUNCHED CG 26262 TO RELIEVE CG 35106.
 1730Z: CG 26262 O/S WITH VESSEL, CONDUCTED HANDOFF WITH CG 35106.
 1744Z: RECOVERED CG 35106 TO EMBARK BOARDING TEAM.
 1800Z: LAUNCHED CG 35106 TO COMMENCE BOARDING OF TOI.
 1816Z: BT EMBARKED TOI, COMMENCED BOARDING.
 1818Z: BT REPORTED POSCON OF TOI. COMMENCED ISS.
 1831Z: HAM RECOVERED CG 26262.
 1840Z: ISS COMPLETE. COMMENCED IONSCAN SWIPES AND ASSA.
 1938Z: BT REPORTED 75% ASSA AND FOUND PIECE OF LINE THAT MATCHED LINE ON JETTISONED BALES.
 2009Z: BT REPORTED ASSA 90% COMPLETE. REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM D11 TO ACCESS VOIDS.
 2013Z: BT REPORTED IONSCAN SWIPES COMPLETE. CG 35106 RTB WITH

SWIPES.

2019Z: RECOVERED CG 35106 AND EMBARKED IONSCAN SWIPES.

2021Z: D11 GRANTED PERMISSION TO ACCESS VOIDS TO COMPLETE ASSA.

2046Z: BT REPORTED 95% ASSA. BT FOUND 2 X 5 FT AREA ON DECK IN VOID THAT WAS COVERED WITH CONCRETE. AREA HAD A WATER TANK ON TOP AND A PICK-AXE IN THE VICINITY.

2104Z: BT GAINED ACCESS TO UNACCOUNTED FOR SPACE THROUGH ADJACENT VOID.

2101Z: IONSCAN TESTS COMPLETE. ONE SWIPE TESTED POSITIVE FOR MDA.

2301Z: HAM LAUNCHED CG 6519 FOR SEARCH OF AREA FOR ANY MORE CONTRABAND.

2326Z: ASSA COMPLETE. BT REPORTED TOI UNSAFE TO OPERATE. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE RUSTING THROUGHOUT THE TOI, AND SOME FWD BULKHEADS WERE ALMOST RUSTED THROUGH. THE MAIN BREAKER PANEL WAS OPEN, CREATING A FIRE HAZARD. THE TOI HAD NO FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS, NO FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, NOT ENOUGH PFDS, AND NO COMMUNICATIONS GEAR OTHER THAN A SATELLITE PHONE. THE ENGINE ROOM HAD ONE INCH OF FUEL AND OIL ON DECK. FUEL IS TRANSFERRED FROM STORAGE TANKS VIA PLASTIC HOSES IN AN OPEN COMPARTMENT. THE ENGINE IS FUELED BY PUMPING FUEL FROM A TANK INTO A SHALLOW BUCKET. THE ENGINEER THEN POURS THE BUCKET OF FUEL INTO A SMALL SERVICE TANK ON TOP OF THE ENGINE. THE VESSEL'S GALLEY IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ABOVE AND OPEN TO THE ENGINE ROOM, AND IT'S SURFACES WERE UNSANITARILY COVERED IN COOKING GREASE. BT CONCLUDED THAT THE GALLEY WAS A POSSIBLE FIRE HAZARD. BT INSPECTED TOWING BITS AND REPORTED THAT BITS WERE RUSTED AND UNSERVICEABLE. TOI DID NOT HAVE A BULLNOSE FOR TOWING.

2354Z: HAM RECEIVED PERMISSION TO TREAT POB AS DETAINEES.

260027Z: CG 6519 RTB FOLLOWING SEARCH WITH NEGRES.

0034Z: HAM RECOVERED CG 6519.

2000Z: AEO WENT ONBOARD VESSEL TO CHECK THE ENGINEERING PLANT.

2130Z: BT ENERGIZED THE ENGINEERING PLANT.

2230Z: BT SECURED PLANT AFTER AEO REPORTED EXHAUST LEAK, ARCING AND SPARKING FROM BATTERY. DUE TO PROXIMITY TO OIL SATURATED DECK PLANKS BT DEEMED ARCING AND SPARKING A FIRE HAZARD.

170030Z: EO WENT ONBOARD VESSEL TO MITIGATE SAFETY CONCERNS. AFTER CONDUCTING INITIAL REPAIRS AND RUNNING PLANT BT ADVISED THEY COULD GET TOI U/W AT LEAST TO THE FAS POSITION IN CURRENT CONDITION.

3. AMPLIFYING INFORMATION:

A. O/S WX:

WINDS: 160T/15KTS

SEAS: 155T/1FT

SWELLS: 170T/3FT

VIS: 10 NM

BAR: 29.86

TEMP: 75

4. FUTURE PLANS: REMAIN ONSTA WITH TOI OVERNIGHT. HAM WILL BEGIN NAVIGATION WITH TOI AT FIRST LIGHT TO FAS POSN. HAM WILL CONDUCT FAS WITH USNS GUADALUPE ON 29NOV16 IN POSN: 06-40.0N 110-15.0W.

5. POC: LCDR ANDREW WEISS, EMAIL ANDREW.S.WEISS(AT)USCG.MIL

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OF FISHING VESSEL YUE SHAN WEI YU

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SUBJ: LE SITREP THREE - BOARDING OF FISHING VESSEL YUE SHAN WEI YU
1000NM W OF GALAPAGOS IS.

1. SITUATION: 983 KG OF COCAINE ONBOARD HAMILTON. CUSTODY CREW AND
DETAINEES ABOARD TOI. CASE PENDS.

A. PERIOD 270031Z NOV 16 - 292335Z NOV 16

B. MISLE: 1061170, HAM CASE NUMBER 753-16-22, FDIN: 2016838758

C. NARRATIVE: HAM CONTINUES ESCORT OF CHINESE FISHING VESSEL
YUE SHAN WEI YU PENDING DISPOSITION. MAXIMUM SPEED OF VESSEL IS
10KTS AND ENGINES HAVE BEEN UNRELIABLE, AND DIFICULT TO KEEP
RUNNING. CONDITIONS ABOARD THE VESSEL HAVE CONTINUED TO DETERIORATE.
ON THE MORNING OF 29NOV16, THE ENGINE ROOM FILLED WITH EXHAUST AND
WAS NOT SAFE TO ENTER. THE VESSEL HAS EXPERIENCED TWO CRANK CASE
EXPLOSIONS TODAY WHICH BLEW ALL EXHAUST LINES OFF AND CAUSED THE ENGINE
ROOM TO FILL WITH BLACK SMOKE. THE CREW RESTARTED THE ENGINE AFTER
REPLACING OIL FILTER AND REFILLING WITH OIL, HOWEVER, THE ENGINE ROOM
AND GALLEY CONTINUE TO FILL WITH SMOKE AND EXHAUST. THE VESSEL HAS NO
FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM AND FUEL IS TRANSFERRED TO ENGINE SERVICE TANKS
VIA COMBINATION OF BUCKET AND PLASTIC HOSES. WOOD DECKING IN ENGINE
ROOM IS SATURATED WITH OIL AND THERE IS STANDING OIL IN THE BILGES.
THE MASTER STATES THEY HAVE LESS THAN TWO DAYS OF FOOD LEFT, AND
REMAINING FOOD IS ROTTEN AND NOT FIT FOR CONSUMPTION. DETAINEES HAVE
BECOME ILL FROM CONDITIONS, SYMPTOMS INCLUDE VOMITTING AND DIARRHEA.
WATER ONBOARD IS LESS THAN 25 PERCENT, COCKROACHES INFEST ALL LIVING
AND CARGO AREAS. IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO REMOVE THE CREW FOR
HEALTH REASONS, HOWEVER OUR CREW CANNOT RUN THIS ENGINE PLANT WITHOUT
THEM DUE TO THE MANY WORKAROUNDS THAT ARE REQUIRED. ON SCENE WEATHER
IS DETERIORATING THIS EVENING.

D. 1. VESSEL DESCRIPTION:

LPOC: SHAN WEI CITY, CHINA

NPOC: SOUTH EAST PACIFIC

NAME: 4407811991010001

LENGTH: 40M

REG NUMBER: YUE 16050

TYPE: FISHING VESSEL

HOMEPORT: SHAN WEI CITY, CHINA

FLAG: CHINA

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ID #: 71.380.597

2. ACTION:

282135Z: MAX SPEED OF YUE SHAN WEI YU DETERMINED TO BE 10KTS.

291707Z: YUE SHAN WEI YU EXPERIENCED CRANK CASE EXPLOSION.

2335Z: YUE SHAN WEI YU EXPERIENCED SECOND CRANK CASE EXPLOSION.

3. AMPLIFYING INFORMATION:

A. O/S WX:

WINDS: 157T/14KTS

SEAS: 160T/2FT

SWELLS: 160T/3FT

VIS: 4 NM

BAR: 29.97

TEMP: 75

4. FUTURE PLANS: CONTINUE TRANSIT TO SCHEDULED DETAINEE TRANSFER
WITH ECU COGARD ON 5DEC. WE RECOMMEND REMOVING ALL PERSONNEL
AND SINKING AS A HAZARD TO NAVIGATION AND HEALTH.

5. POC: LCDR ANDREW WEISS, EMAIL ANDREW.S.WEISS(AT)USCG.MIL

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SUBJ: LE SITREP FOUR AND FINAL - BOARDING OF FISHING VESSEL YUE SHAN WEI YU 1000NM W OF GALAPAGOS IS.

1. SITUATION: 983 KG OF COCAINE ONBOARD HAMILTON. CASE PENDS DISPOSITION.

A. PERIOD 292336Z NOV 16 - 020453Z DEC 16

B. MISLE: 1061170, HAM CASE NUMBER 753-16-22, FDIN: 2016838758

C. NARRATIVE: HAM CONTINUED ESCORT OF CHINESE FISHING VESSEL YUE SHAN WEI YU PENDING DISPOSITION. WHILE ESCORTING THE VESSEL, THE BO REPORTED MULTIPLE ENGINE, POWER, AND STEERING CASUALTIES. AFTER MANY WORKAROUNDS FROM THE VESSEL'S CREW, THE YUE SHAN WEI YU EXPERIENCED A LOSS OF ALL POWER AND PROPULSION ONBOARD. HAM EMBARKED 07 DETAINESS FROM THE YUE SHAN WEI YU ONCE IT WAS DETERMINED THE VESSEL WAS INHERENTLY UNSAFE. THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA CONFIRMED NATIONALITY OF THE VESSEL AND AUTHORIZED SINKING AS A HAZARD TO NAVIGATION AFTER NOTIFICATION OF THE MASTER. THE MASTER WAS INFORMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA DIRECTED THE UNITED STATES TO DETAIN HIM AND HIS CREW ON THE BEHALF OF CHINA FOR SUSPECTED DRUG TRAFFICKING. ADDITIONALLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA DIRECTED THE UNITED STATES TO TREAT THE VESSEL AS A HAZARD TO NAVIGATION DUE TO MATERIAL CONDITION AND INOPERABLE MACHINERY OF THE VESSEL. D11 GRANTED HAM PERMISSION TO SINK THE VESSEL, AND HAM SANK THE YUE SHAN WEI YU IN POSN: 06-36.2N 107-19.5W.

D. 1. VESSEL DESCRIPTION:

LPOC: SHAN WEI CITY, CHINA

NPOC: SOUTH EAST PACIFIC

NAME: 4407811991010001

LENGTH: 40M

REG NUMBER: YUE 16050

TYPE: FISHING VESSEL
HOMEPORT: SHAN WEI CITY, CHINA
FLAG: CHINA
POB: 07
CREW MEMBERS: 06 CHINESE IDS WERE SENT VIA SEPCOR
NAME: EDWARD JAVIER CATANO LOPEZ
DOB: 23AUG1981
NATIONALITY: COLOMBIAN
ID #: 71.380.597

2. ACTION:

300637Z: BO REPORTED LOSS OF ENGINE AND SMELL OF SMOKE.
0707Z: BO DETERMINED NO MAJOR CASUALTY. #3 MDE ON YUE SHAN WEI YU WOULD NOT START.
0727Z: BO REPORTED SUCCESSFUL RESTART OF #3 MDE. YUE SHAN WEI YU UNDERWAY.
0853Z: BO REPORTED SMOKE IN ENGINE ROOM. SHUT DOWN #3 MDE ON YUE SHAN WEI YU DUE TO OVERHEAT.
0855Z: BO REPORTED HEARING A LOUD POP, FOLLOWED BY A BURNING SMELL.
0908Z: SOURCE OF SMOKE DETERMINED TO BE #3 MDE. NO APPARENT FIRE.
1017Z: BO REPORTED YUE SHAN WEI YU ONLY ABLE TO MAKE 3.3 KTS AND DIFFICULTY MAINTAINING COURSE.
1020Z: BO REPORTED MDE EXPERIENCED RPM SURGES.
1141Z: BO REPORTED FLUCTUATING POWER FROM 1 REMAINING MDE.
1151Z: BO REPORTED POSSIBLE LOSS OF STEERING PUMP ABOARD YUE SHAN WEI YU.
1157Z: BO REPORTED LOSS OF RUDDER CONTROL.
1324Z: BO REPORTED AVAILABLE SPEED OF 8 KTS ONBOARD YUE SHAN WEI YU.
1336Z: BO REPORTED LOSS OF ENGINE POWER.
1508Z: BO REPORTED LOSS OF STEERING ONBOARD YUE SHAN WEI YU.
1511Z: BO REPORTED LOSS OF ALL POWER AND PROPULSION ONBOARD YUE SHAN WEI YU.
2035Z: HAM EMBARKED 07 DETAINEES FROM THE YUE SHAN WEI YU.
011623Z: CHINA CONFIRMED NATIONALITY OF THE VESSEL AND AUTHORIZED SINKING AS A HAZARD TO NAVIGATION AFTER NOTIFICATION OF THE MASTER.
2020Z: MASTER WAS INFORMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA HAS DIRECTED THE UNITED STATES TO DETAIN HIM AND HIS CREW FOR SUSPECTED DRUG TRAFFICKING.
020131Z: COMMENCED SINKING OF YUE SHAN WEI YU IN POSN: 06-31.6N 107-21.8W.
0443Z: YUE SHAN WEI YU SANK IN POSN: 06-36.2N 107-19.5W.
0453Z: SHIFTED TACON TO JIATF-S.

3. AMPLIFYING INFORMATION:

A. O/S WX:
WINDS: 157T/14KTS
SEAS: 160T/2FT
SWELLS: 160T/3FT
VIS: 4 NM
BAR: 29.97
TEMP: 75

4. FUTURE PLANS: CASE PENDING DISPOSITION. PATROL IAW TASKING.

5. POC: LCDR ANDREW WEISS, EMAIL ANDREW.S.WEISS(AT)USCG.MIL

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